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TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b).
2. Additional Papers Submitted:
 - (i) Form PTO-1449
 - (ii) One (1) copy of reference listed on PTO-1449.
3. Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to Reference C01, cited on the attached Revised PTO Form 1449. This reference was cited in the attached European Search Report that was mailed to Applicants on April 19, 2006 in the corresponding European application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the above-listed document is material or constitutes prior art. If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

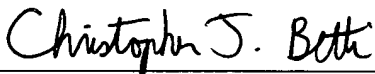
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	C01	Nurminskaya et al., Identification and characterization of up-regulated genes during chondrocyte hypertrophy, DEVELOPMENTAL DYNAMICS, 1996, 206, 260-271
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